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WASHINGTON COUNTY ENTERS CLOSED FIRE SEASON EARLY – REST OF UTAH ENTERS JUNE 1

Washington County will enter a closed fire season at 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 15, 2006. The rest of the state will follow suit at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 1, 2006.

A closed fire season should not be confused with a fire restriction order. A closed fire season requires that any open burning be done only by first securing a permit. Permits are available from county fire wardens, county fire chiefs, county sheriff's offices and through offices of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

"Washington County is entering into a closed fire season early as a precaution," explained Tracy Dunford, fire management coordinator for the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. "Conditions in the southwest area of the state are favorable to wildland fire so we feel it's appropriate to take action a bit early."

For more information contact any office of the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

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